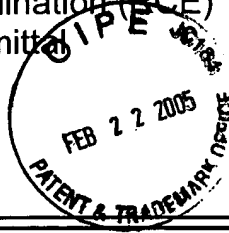


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 19, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Final Office Action was originally due on November 19, 2004. Applicants are hereby filing a Three Month Petition for Extension of Time thereby extending the due date to February 19, 2004. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicant is filing with this request a submission comprising a response to the outstanding Final Office Action with amended claims and the required fee. Accordingly, this request and submission are timely filed. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action and entry and consideration of this submission.